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For: METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE PRETHROMBOTIC STATE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND NOTICE OF  
INFORMAL APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 22, 2001

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement and Notice of Informal Application dated December 20, 2000, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment without prejudice.

***In the abstract:***

Please amend the above-identified patent application to include the Abstract of the Disclosure which is attached hereto as a separate sheet.

**REMARKS**

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect to have further prosecution on the invention of group I claims 36-44. Applicants respectfully traverse